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WESSIN Y WESSIN ACCUSES U.S. OF BRIBE ATTEMPT

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(Excerpt) Gorilla General Elias Wessin y Wessin said 9 September in Santo Domingo that two U.S. military men assigned to the U.S. Embassy in the Dominican Republic tried to bribe him to leave the country. The Dominican gorilla general said that the two U.S. diplomats offered him the post of military attache in Paris or Madrid and 50,000 dollars in exchange for a house he owns in Santo Domingo, which is worth 5,000 dollars, if he agreed to leave the Dominican Republic.

According to statements made to the press by General Elias Wessin y Wessin, the U.S. officials who approached and tried to bribe him were David Phillips of the CIA and Lt. Col. Joseph William Weyrick, who is listed as U.S. military attache in the Dominican Republic. On the other hand, a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Santo Domingo refused to comment on the statements of Gen. Elias Wessin y Wessin and added that an official statement might be made later on. Gen. Elias Wessin was the main figure involved in the coup d'etat that ousted the Juan Bosch government in 1963. He is also one of the persons directly responsible for the barbaric bombing of the civilian population in Santo Domingo in the wake of the Constitutionalist uprising last April.

Mario Kuchilan Commentary

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(Excerpt) In the Caribbean, where imperialism also has a civil war in progress in Santo Domingo, the provisional government of Hector Garcia Godoy has been established for several days. Hector GG is a laughing stock, as the initials suggest (a play on the Spanish phoneme for the letter "g"--ed.), and the evident instability of the artificial regime is demonstrated by the shamelessness of the gorilla Wessin y Wessin, who refuses to abandon Santo Domingo and continues to be a troublesome element.

Wessin said that the United States government wanted to buy him for 50,000 dollars and a European post, but that he did not accept. He added: "My home is not worth 50,000 Dominican dollars; I wanted to buy myself another home in Santo Domingo for 50,000 dollars". The U.S. State Department, without denying the statement by Wessin y Wessin, said that the matter would be investigated. The truth is that the gorilla, who was saved from disaster by the Yankee intervention in Santo Domingo, is not worth much. These are the kind of people with whom the CIA gets along well. These are heirs of the estate, and these miserable events occur, revealing the dealings between rotten imperialism and rotten puppets.

On the other hand, Hector GG has not been able to succeed in appointing his entire cabinet, particularly the military portfolios. The armed public refuses to turn in its arms. It will be difficult because the Dominican people have an intuition that what has happened is one episode in a long struggle which is just beginning.